

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached "Replacement Sheet" includes a changes to Figure 1. The attached "Replacement Sheet", which includes Figure 1, replaces the original sheet including Figure 1.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)

REMARKS

Claims 1—17 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

OBJECTION TO THE DRAWINGS

The drawings stand objected to for not showing the details of the “connectors and universal joints”, as set forth in claims 5 and 6. Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner reconsider the rejection, as the connections, which may be accomplished with universal joints, are shown in the drawings as flexible connectors 50 and 51. The details of the joints are described in the specification at page 5, lines 5-23.

Also, applicant discovered an error in Figure 1. The lead line of item 51 was improperly located and is corrected in the enclosed replacement sheet.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3-5, and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Shichijo et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,000,511). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Shichijo discloses a display assembly stowably mounted on a vehicle seatback, the display assembly comprising a support arm having a seat end and a display end, said seat end flexibly connected to said vehicle seatback; and a display screen, flexibly connected to said display end of said support arm. Also, the display screen is

In contradistinction, the applicant's independent claim 1 has been amended to require that the support arm positions said display screen to face away from said seatback when said display screen is in an in-use position. A support arm which functions in such a way is distinguishable from the cited prior art discloses support arms which position the display screen facing the seat back, i.e. toward the face of the viewer seated in the seat. Note that the applicant's design is uniquely suitable for viewers sitting in a seat row behind the seat back to which the support arm is mounted.

Since the cited references do not disclose a support arm of such a configuration, applicant believes that independent claim 1 is now in a condition for allowance. With respect to the remaining dependent claims 2-, without conceding the Examiner's position,

Applicants contend these claims are allowable as a result of the dependency, either directly or indirectly, from claim 1.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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